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Santa Rosa Stake Conference

By JAMES C. YOUNG.

President John L. Murdock sounded the keynote of the Santa Rosa Stake quarterly conference in the opening address of the morning meeting Sunday in the auditorium of the Napa Union High School with his statement that "Obedience is better than Sacrifice," and leads to "a life of peace and satisfaction for those who keep the commandments."

The well attended meetings were enriched by the singing of the fifty-voice Stake Choir under the direction of Edith Southwick of Ukiah and accompanied by Louise Arnsten of Santa Rosa.

Prominent among the stirring messages heard by those in attendance was that given by President Hilton Robertson of the Chinese Mission who told of conditions in China where starvation and great human misery is the lot of nearly all the millions of people. President Robertson said "Where the spirit of the Lord is there will be liberty." He continued that "today China is bound hand and foot. We have always been told China could not be conquered because her millions would absorb and assimilate the invaders but this is not true. All religion is being ruthlessly smashed in present-day China and her leaders who otherwise might someday point the way to a better life are being liquidated."

Other conference speakers with brief quotations from their remarks follow:

Glen Lowry, High Council, "There is something that you can do now, that is hold family prayer in your home." Robert De Lonzor, returned missionary, "I beseech you to prepare your children to go on a mission as the greatest thing you could possibly do for them."

Maud Sorenson, Stake Relief Society President, "We of the Relief Society are receiving direction today from a living prophet of God and are shown ways to render compassionate service as needed in our time." Sister Hazel M. Robertson, "After seeing the poverty of China I wonder why I was blessed to receive so much from the hands of the Lord. I am more than thankful for the Gospel and our homes here in America."

President Glenn Harmon of Berkeley Stake told those attending the afternoon session, "Our business, professional, political, and in fact, our entire body politic-needs to return to the righteousness of God. Show me a family where the

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Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference, Easter Morning, April 13, At Scottish Rite Auditorium

The Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference will hold its morning session April 13, Easter Sunday, at the great Scottish Rite Auditorium on the shores of Lake Merritt, Oakland. The hour of beginning this session will be 10:30 a.m., one-half hour later than the usual ten o'clock.

The other two sessions of the conference will be held in the Oakland ward chapel, MacArthur and Webster. The afternoon session will open at 2:30 instead of the usual 2:00, while the evening meeting will begin at the usual 7:00 p.m.

California Stake Heads

1951 AllChurch Honor Roll

South Los Angeles stake lead all the stakes of the Church in "activity records of adult members of the Aaronic priesthood," for the 12 months of 1951. This same stake was third in ward teaching (94 per cent), and second in attendance of Aaronic priesthood members at Sacrament and priesthood meetings (64 per cent).

Other California stakes rating among the first 25 stakes in one or more of these three categories for the year 1951 were Inglewood, Santa Monica, East Long Beach, Glendale and Long Beach.

Calif. Team Wins

All-Church Tournev

The Deseret News Church Section for March 5, 1952, showing the pictures of the happy All-Church Basketeers from Redondo, Inglewood stake, in southern California, declares:

"Nine hundred seventy teams of 10,670 players brought their M Men basketball season to a thrilling close March 1 before thousands of enthusiastic and excited fans who filled the University of Utah Fieldhouse." Runner-up team was the Capitol Hill ward, Salt Lake City.

Reno's fine team representing Northern California and Nevada gave a good account of themselves in the tournament. Five of the members of this outstanding team are attending the University of Nevada on \$4000 scholarships.

Plaque Provided For Whitmer Farm Monument

According to the March 12, 1952, Church Section of the Deseret News, "The placing of a plaque on the recently completed monument at the birth place of the Church is expected to be completed in the near future."

This, of course, is at the Peter Whitmer Farm in Fayette township, Seneca County, New York. The idea of erecting the monument and the raising of the money for the erection of the monument was the project of the M Men and Gleaners of the Provo Fifth ward.

Bus. News-Notes

• "Bill" Heath, the Albany Poultry Market owner, says that he and the wife are really busy in their business—almost too busy. But he pledges himself that he will break away in time to attend the next Liahona monthly dinner-discussion meeting.

• J Craig Robertson, proprietor of the Rug Clinic, announces that the company has now moved into the completed new building at 2009 East 14th Street, Oakland. The former location was on the same street, East 14th, but at 1638. Now they are set up to do the finest work they have ever done. Long enjoying trade over the entire East Bay area, this well-established business can be relied upon for the best and most reasonable service for your choicest rugs, carpets and upholstery. Craig is a member of the Diamond ward where the home as well as the business is located.

• Ed Barrett, the pest control man, had to submit to the "control" of the surgeon late in February as also did Dr. Ray Knight. Both are in circulation again in their respective activities but little the worse for the visit to the care of the white-capped ladies of the sick wards.

• M. Dee Smith of the Robinson Mortuary on Fruitvale, was twice at the Berkeley chapel early in March, helping the other mortuary personnel care for two funerals, held on successive days at the Berkeley chapel. We refer to the funerals of Josephine Bralley and of David Baer.

• Jay Banks, a member of Sunset ward, announces in the Messenger ad columns that he is ready to help the saints and their friends who are looking for exchange of property in San Francisco. Jay is associated with the San Francisco Real Estate Company at 2300 Irving Street, and will welcome calls at any time.

• Four skilled LDS jewelers in the east bay region are worthy of a little note, we feel. First, the best and the longest known expert on watches and all sorts of jewelry comes Don J. Allphin. Don has now as his business associate his own son whom he has led thru his apprenticeship, Lawrence. Their place of business at 5836 Foothill Blvd., Oakland, is among a busy group of east Oakland stores and a most charming place to visit. It stands in the limits of Maxwell Park ward to which Don and Lawrence belong.

The other two LDS jewelers are not so well known, perhaps, but their locations are in the most popular spots in downtown Oakland, and many patronize them, we presume, without knowing that they are fellow-members of the same Church. First is "Rad's Jewelry" in the 10th Street Market, operated by Conrad Barber of Diamond ward. You will see his ad along with Don J. Allphin's on the Oakland pages of the Messenger.

Second of the downtown Oakland LDS jewelers has charge of the watch and related jewelry counter in Kahn's great department store. His name is Davis J. Kittinger and altho you may not know his name it is likely that many have come to know his person for he has been at that counter many years serving the Kahn patrons.

• Sherman T. Wright of Hayward (see his ad page 5) is going strong and busy these days with his calls for service in the field of radio and television. J. Leon White is so busy with his life and accident insurance business that he is a hard man to find in one spot for long. That airplane wafts him about (Continued on page 5)

Messenger Reporters, Remember "Byline"

The first requirement is that all reporters place the "by" line at the top of their reports directly underneath the name of the ward or stake so reported every time any report is sent to the Messenger. After the little word "by" place the name of the person reporting that news.

Church-Wide News

Culled from the daily Des. News

• Joseph H. Young, grandson of Brigham Young, retired recently at age 88, as assistant to the president of Westinghouse Air Brake Co., in Chicago. Beginning as an office boy in the old R. R. depot in Sandy, Utah he rose to the highest position in the R. R. world, serving at times as President of the Alaska Steamship Co., of several R. R. in the Northwest, and of the Rio Grande. Western. He had been a high executive with Westinghouse since 1927.

• A \$30,000,000 building program for the Catholic Cistercian monastery nestled in the eastern slopes of Ogden Valley has been approved by the Chief Abbot of the Order. A large part of the money will go towards development of the new, model dairy and beef barns, and livestock pens, etc.

• Donovan H. Van Dam, 26, first counselor in the bishopric of Stafford ward, Salt Lake City, and a motor company executive and former missionary to the Netherlands will now return to that land as president of the Netherlands' Mission of the Church, replacing Pres. John P. Lilly white who has returned to Salt Lake City following the death of his wife at the Hague, December 22.

• Twenty-six stakes in Salt Lake County completed in March 1952 third year of a Vocal Quartette Festival. This is part of the cultural program of MIA. The finals in the Quartette singing was held for two evenings in the Assembly Hall on Temple Square. Three quartettes from each ward were eligible, one male, one ladies and one mixed.



FEBRUARY MEETING

A smile is worth \$20,000.00 and is your greatest asset in business, Liahona Club Member, Don Kimball, told the assembled group at their monthly meeting on February 25th. In an enthusiastic talk along the lines of a "success story" he told the Club of an actual legal case which was tried at the Alameda County court house, wherein a young electrician was injured in an occupational accident which badly burned and disfigured his face. The muscles and tissue in his face were so affected that he no longer was able to smile—and if he tried, the result was more of a sneer. The court assessed the amount of damages suffered and awarded a judgment of \$20,000.00 . . . thus establishing the value of a smile at that figure. Mr. Kimball pointed out that it could be worth easily that sum of money to any man in business for the increased goodwill and repeat business it would bring.

Speaking from his own personal experience as a business man who had come into this area some ten years ago and become stranded because of gas rationing, brother Kimball told how he had bought a trailer court in El Cerrito with his remaining \$5,000.00. Since that time he has acquired another trailer court, two sales lots one in San Leandro and one in El Cerrito, which last year

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San Francisco Stake Conference

By ROBERT CALLISTER

California At The 'Y'

By RICHARD HALL and DAVE GARDNER.

This column is being written to give any of you high school seniors who are thinking of coming to the Brigham Young University an idea of what goes on back here in Provo, Utah, and to give any of you alumni, or "Y" backers a little news of what's happening on the campus.

First of all, you High School Seniors, there is no better school than the BYU for you to attend as far as getting a religious background as well as a college degree. Most of you probably don't have a real testimony of the gospel as yet, I know I didn't when I first came back here, but I'm fast acquiring one.

You can't help but get one when you are attending school with thousands of other students who believe the same things that you believe. And when you attend a testimony meeting where some of your friends bear their testimonies and many more are not able to because of the lack of time, you then begin to realize how fortunate you are being able to attend a school like the BYU.

Religion isn't the only thing back here, even tho it plays a large part in school life. Our basketball team is, at the moment, in second place in the league. Our football team performed "way above what was expected, placing in the top four. Thanks to the new Fieldhouse, athletes have found a home on campus and are really getting ahead.

Many new buildings are being added to the campus and many new courses will be offered in the future. You can obtain any information you wish by writing to the University, or if you have any special problems, write to either Dave Gardner or Rich Hall, 740 East 8th North, Provo, Utah. If we can we will answer your questions in this column in the future.

• News came in mid-March that all the stores in Provo, Orem, Pleasant Grove, Springville, and Spanish Fork will be closed henceforth on Sundays.

Latter-day Saints should ever strive to keep the commandments of God and should seek always to do His will so that they may have the Holy Spirit as their constant companion. This is what Elder Marion G. Romney of the Council of the Twelve told a near-capacity crowd at the first general session of San Francisco Stake Quarterly Conference on Sunday morning, March 23. Elder Romney pointed out that no man can know that Jesus is the Christ except through the power of the Holy Ghost. He stated that the Holy Ghost is an actual personage of spirit and went on to explain His function as a member of the Godhead.

Elder Romney admonished the saints to live closer to the Lord in order that their testimonies of the Gospel might increase and their blessings might become richer. The assembled saints thrilled at the words of the newest member of the quorum of the Twelve and felt spiritually uplifted by the instructions and counsel which they heard.

President J. Bryon Barton of San Francisco Stake asked the members of the Stake to "substitute the will of the Lord for that of their own." President Barton stated that there are two influential forces in the world—one for good and one for evil, and that each person must choose for himself which he will follow. He urged the saints to seek for the good and to always keep the commandments of the Lord.

President Serge J. Lauper, First Counselor of the San Francisco Stake Presidency, emphasized that a knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, while a very great accomplishment, is in itself insufficient; that man must apply this knowledge to his life in order to obtain salvation.

Other Conference speakers, included Elder Frank W. Heiss of Balboa Ward and Elder Joseph Q. Johnson of San Francisco Ward, both recently returned missionaries from the Swiss-Austrian and Northwestern States Missions, respectively.

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BYU Orchestra Tour Repertoire

- 1.—Prelude to Die MeistersingersRichard Wagner
- 2.—Symphony in B MinorHeikki Suolahti
Andante ma non troppo; allegro moderato
Andante
Scherzo
Andante; allegro moderato
- 3.—Symphonic VariationsCesar Franck
Poco allegro
Molto piu lento
Allegro non troppo
Ardean Watts, Pianist
- 4.—Carmen SuiteGeorge Bizet
- 5.—Intermezzo from Hary Janos SuiteZoltan Kodaly
- 6.—Romeo & Juliet Overture-Phantasy...Peter Ilyitch Tchaikowsky
- 7.—Overture to the Merry Wives of WindsonOtto Nicolai
- 8.—Concertino for Flute and OrchestraCecille Chaminade
Ted Wright, Flutist
- 9.—Concertino for Clarinet and Orchestra.....Carl Maria Von Weber
Jerry Long, Clarinetist
- 10.—Symphonie Concertante for Violin, Viola and Orchestra (K. 364)W. A. Mozart
Jean Slack, Violinist
Harold Laycock, Violist
- 11.—GymnopedieRowan Taylor
- 12.—Piano Concerto in A Major (K. 483).....W. A. Mozart
Louise Mardsen, Pianist
- 13.—Suite of LDS Hymns.....Crawford Gates
High on the Mountain Top
Sweet is the Work
Come, Come Ye Saints



The Brigham Young University Symphony Orchestra from Provo, Utah, is one of the outstanding college orchestras in the nation. The group is currently on tour of Western United States under the direction of Lawrence Sardoni, well-known American conductor.

Tuesday April 29, 8 p.m., Santa Rosa, California; Wednesday, April 30, 11 a.m., Vallejo Junior College, Vallejo, California; Wednesday, April 30, 8 p.m., Berkeley, California; Thursday, May 1, 11 a.m., Mare Island, California; Thursday, May 1, 8 p.m., San Francisco, California; Friday, May 2, 8 p.m., Stockton, California.

BY University Symphony Orchestra Comes To Santa Rosa Stake At Vallejo Jr. High School Auditorium

The Brigham Young University Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Lawrence W. Sardoni, will visit the California Bay area on their annual spring tour, and will appear in Vallejo on Tuesday evening, April 29, 1952, at 8:00 p.m., in the auditorium of the Vallejo Junior High School, Amador street, between Tennessee and Nebraska streets, just off of Nebraska. This appearance, sponsored by the Vallejo ward will be the only appearance in the Santa Rosa Stake.

Mr. Sardoni's Symphony Orchestra is rated one of the finest college symphonies in the United States. It is in high demand for performances throughout the area. The orchestra is composed of approximately sixty college musicians. Each is selected by careful and exacting audition. The group rehearses daily under a director who is considered by both musicians and critics as eminent in his field. He is hailed for his sensitive conducting and interpretation.

Santa Rosa Stake is very fortunate for the opportunity of partaking of this splendid cultural contribution in the field of music. In addition to the inspirational qualities, the concert will be a benefit one. All proceeds will go to the building fund of the Vallejo ward chapel. Price of the tickets has been kept within the reach of everyone. Vallejo will greatly appreciate the support of all of the Branches and Wards in the Santa Rosa Stake. Tickets may be obtained from Bishops or Branch Presidents, or from Mr. E. Z. Taylor, 612 Lacadena street, Vallejo, California.

Its Inner Cleansing Power Expounded The Deeper Meaning of Fasting; In Modern Scripture

The dictionary gives these stimulating synonyms of our word fasting: abstinence; abstemiousness; continence; temperance. Antonyms include: excess; gluttony; intemperance; self-indulgence; sensuality.

The Doctrine and Covenants revelations regarding fasting enlighten and enlarge the mind. They go beyond the mere fast of total or partial abstinence from food to a deeper principal of self-restraint and inner purification and singleness of heart. It's the spirit of fasting that is vital and powerful to change and bless our lives with "peace in this world

and eternal life in the world to come." PERFECT FASTING AND PRAYER IS REALLY REJOICING AND PRAYER.

The Lord speaks of the proper observance of the Sabbath day, as one type of fasting and prayer. "And on this (my holy day) thou shalt do no other thing, only let thy food be prepared with singleness of heart that thy fasting may be perfect, or, in other words, that thy joy may be full. Verily, this is fasting and prayer, or, in other words, rejoicing and prayer."

The prior verse (12) adds things (continued on page six)

BERKELEY STAKE SECTION

Oakland-Berkeley Stakes Sunday School Convention Great Success

The Sunday School Convention of the Oakland-Berkeley Stakes was held in the Berkeley Chapel Sunday, March 16, 1952. The spiritual treat anticipated by the Sunday School Workers, made attendance so great that it became necessary to move into the spacious amusement hall to seat the officers and teachers from the two stakes. In the afternoon, with the increased attendance of officers and teachers, and visitors, the chapel was used. All wards in both stakes were represented. The theme was: **Spiritual Rejuvenation Through Participation in Sunday School.** Graphs and charts showed the percentage of church members attending Sunday School. An age curve showed at what age children are lost or gained. Reverence in the house of the Lord is to be stressed by Sunday School Workers. A wire recording rather startlingly revealed the lack of reverence and order in our chapels. Preparation and presentation of the two and a half minute talks; the sacredness and responsibility in partaking of the sacrament. The afternoon service was divided into departmental work.

Rodeo Branch News

By MARGIE HAYDEN.

If I have overlooked any news that should be in this article, it is not intentional. My daughter has had the chickenpox and my mother is here visiting from Missouri, so I haven't been present at all the Branch meetings.

The MIA held its first Gold and Green Ball. Our meeting hall was converted into a ballroom by the decorating committee, headed by King

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Ned P. Clyde, Berkeley's young consulting civil engineer, with Clyde and Associates at 3405 Piedmont Ave., Oakland, has recently been elected president of the East Bay Structural Engineering society.

Ned has served as president of Berkeley's YMMIA and is active in church work, and also in the Berkeley Jr. Chamber of Commerce.

MIA NEWS

Pittsburg ward of Berkeley Stake has entered the Improvement Era Hall of Fame, having placed the magazine in every LDS home in the ward.

They are the first and only ward of the stake to secure this distinction and probably first to do so in all northern California stakes.

In addition the ward has secured about ten subscriptions to be sent to the Lamanites. This is another first for the ward.

Reynolds, Julaine Lott reigned as queen of the ball, with Doris Lott, Dorothy Wanless, Marilyn Kedsey and Virginia Kersey, as princesses. Doris had 100 per cent attendance at her meetings. The Vallejo 2nd ward orchestra furnished the music. Refreshments were served. Though the weather wasn't good, there were about one hundred present.

At Stake MIA award night our organization received the Teachers' Group Award, Junior Cleaned and MIA MAIDS' Awards. As Rodeo's contribution to the program, the young people presented a Zany Hat Show. The young men modeled the clever and unique hats they had designed.

Brother and Sister Phil Lewis have a new arrival in their home: baby John Roger. Harold and Marjean Severson are also the parents of a baby boy.

Here for a brief but pleasant visit and business trip were Frances McKay and her daughter, Rina. Former members of our Branch, they now make their home in Arizona.

Fulltime Missionary Elder Harold Gammon, has been sent to Klamath Falls, Oregon. Elder Keith Beazer now has as his companion, Elder Don Andrew Terry from Beaver, Utah.

The first Sunday of this month the Relief Society gave an interesting and valuable program. Relief Society president, Geneva Wanless, presided. Talks were given by Florence Pryor and Elsie Smith. A skit by the members of the Edwin Lane family brought out the evening's theme, "The Family Hour."

The Relief Society sisters have completed 256 hours of Welfare sewing. The last group that went to the storehouse completed 43 pairs of pants.

The Primary has a number of new (Continued on page 6)

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Martinez Ward News

By SUE FORSYTHE

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

With the coming of Spring let us as a united group turn our thoughts and actions toward production of some of the basic things of life, such as food and clothing. This may sound strange to some to mingle these mundane things with our religion, but our temporal welfare and spiritual welfare are closely entwined. We cannot have the fullness of peace and complete sense of well-being that comes from spirituality unless we have a reasonable security and independence in our physical needs.

Let us "group-can" at our El Cerrito cannery both fruits and vegetables this year. Let's raise individually much of what we as a group can. We are starting a chicken and egg project in Martinez. Let's produce something, each of us. Let's get more welfare projects started. Your ideas are solicited.—WARD BISHOPRIC.

PRIMARY

The Primary welcomes two new members—Billie and Freddie Bulloch, recent arrivals in Martinez. Any other children will be more than welcome to come to the Martinez chapel Thursdays at 3:45 p.m. Under the able direction of Sister Florence Robinson two of our young members, Michael Jennings and Shirley Cook are developing their talents at the piano by accompanying the Primary with its singing.

Secretary Dorothy Burgess is happy to announce that Martinez Primary now has a complete staff of officers and teachers.

YMMIA-FIRESIDE

The Fireside group, assisted by Sister Hattie Von Dorn and the Mutual officers and teachers, sponsored a delicious and popular spaghetti dinner for Concord and Martinez wards. The tables were exceptionally attractive with camellias and greenery. The Fireside young people had an excellent program prepared. Dancing finished a delightful evening.

The Scouts and Bees have enjoyed an evening of games, dancing, and refreshments during Mutual, Tuesday, March 11.

The Special Interest group has had some outstanding speakers and programs these past few weeks. More are promised just ahead. The Gold and Green Ball Friday, March 21. Our Queen and three Princesses reigned.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have two new members of the Sunday School faculty: Eugene E. Bullough, now in the Superintendency and Florence Robinson, now teaching the Senior Class. Welcome indeed.

CRADLE ROLL

Little Linda Sue Harrieth, born January 24, was blessed on March 2. The very newest ward arrival: the little son born to Dunston Granshaw and his wife, the former Joann Knowles.

Walnut Creek News

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

A month ago a part of our ward was taken to help form the newly organized Concord ward. The loss in numbers was not large and will be made up in a few weeks by new members moving in, but we cannot replace you who are leaving us in our hearts. We came to know and love you dearly and will miss you very much. May the Lord bless you all for the fine support you have given us and be with you as you develop your opportunities to build up His Kingdom in your new ward.—ROBT. L. LARSEN.

A delightful surprise was given February 13 at the home of Altha McManus, honoring Bertha Greene and Francelle Larsen, who were released from the Ward Primary Association a short time ago. About 30 Primary workers were present and as special guests, Sister Ranker and Sister Brinton. A delicious buffet supper was served and gifts presented to the honored guests. A part of the evening was devoted to teacher-training work which included a lesson demonstration. In charge of the affair was a committee composed of Oral Burrow, Ida Moroni and Florence Cleveland.

With a desire to give new or visiting children in Primary a special welcome, it was suggested in a recent Primary that songs to suit this need might be composed. As a result, our chorister, Evelyn Tueller, has written the very pretty music and words for a song which the Primary children are enjoying now. It is called the "Primary Welcome Song."

Many thanks goes to the women who have helped with the Relief Society Welfare Sewing. Lots to do

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The Mutual held their annual Gold and Green Ball on Friday, March 14. The theme was "Evening in Paris," which was brought out so cleverly with all the atmosphere of old Paris. Many thanks to all who made this occasion a success.

Friday, March 21, was the night of our monthly potluck dinner for benefit of the building fund. It was under the direction of the Elders' Quorum president, Dean Criddle. St. Patrick's Day theme was carried over for the night and appropriate table decorations increased the enjoyment of all. Don't miss the next one or you'll be sorry.

We are happy to learn that Florence Cleveland is home after her stay in the hospital and that she is on the road to recovery. Our prayers are with Sister Casto in her illness; we were happy to learn that she is home and is recovering nicely from her recent operation.

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BERKELEY STAKE SECTION

Berkeley Stake Social and Activity Calendar

APRIL 1952

Saturday 5—Stake Junior M Men and Junior Gleaners' Party and election.
Swimming Party, Albany Pool, 5 p.m.
Dinner and Elections, Bertolas, Oakland, 7:30 p.m.
Dance, Berkeley, 9 p.m.

Sunday 6—Stake Jr. M Men and Jr. Gleaners, Martinez, 10:30 a.m.
Martinez Welfare Building, end of Arch Street, Martinez.

Wednesday 9—Claremont Ward Gold and Green Ball, Berkeley, 9 p.m.

Friday 11—Berkeley Ward's Gold and Green Ball, Berkeley 9 p.m.

Friday 18—Berkeley Stake Gold and Green Ball, Richmond, 9 p.m.
Richmond Municipal Auditorium.

Sunday 20—Berkeley Stake Choral Festival, Berkeley 2:00 p.m.

Friday 25—Oakland Stake Gold and Green Ball, Oakland, 9 p.m.
Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Wednesday 30—Brigham Young University Symphony Orchestra—Berkeley Community Theatre, Berkeley, 8 p.m.

NOTE: M Men-Gleaner week previously scheduled for the period April 29 through May 4 has been postponed because of the Berkeley Stake Quarterly Conference which starts May 3. It is being rescheduled and the dates will be announced when they have been cleared by all concerned.

MAY 1952

Friday 9—Berk. Stake Adult Aaronic Priesthood Party, Berk. 7 p.m.

Friday 16—Bee Hive Annual Swarm Day, Berkeley, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 31—Berkeley Stake Dance Festival, Berkeley, 8:00 p.m.

Berkeley Stake Meeting Calendar

APRIL 1952

Sunday 13—Easter Services, Temple Site, Oakland.
Berkeley and Oakland M Men, Gleaners, Junior Men and Junior Gleaners.

Saturday 19—Berkeley Stake Priesthood Meeting, Berkeley, 8:30 p.m.

Monday 21—Rodeo Branch Conference Starts.

Monday 21—Berkeley Stake MIA Leadership Meeting, Berk. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 22—Rodeo Branch MIA Conference, Rodeo, 7:30 p.m.
(Stake and Branch MIA officers and Teachers at 7 p.m.)

MAY 1952

Saturday 3—Berkeley Stake Quarterly Conference.

Sunday 4—Berkeley Stake Quarterly Conference.
(Evening Meeting conducted by the MIA).

Wednesday 7—Stake Family Night, Berkeley, 7:30 p.m.

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By MERRILYN H. EVERETT.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

From the Doctrine and Covenants we read, "It is expedient that the Church meet together often to partake of the bread and water in remembrance of the Lord Jesus." In this section as well as others the Lord has made clear the character and sacredness of the Sacrament meeting, and it is the one meeting the Lord Himself had prescribed and provided for us. Sacrament meetings are ward meetings. They are for the membership of the ward as a whole and not for any special group, however important the group may be. The Bishopric is striving to make the Sacrament meeting inspirational and interesting for all who attend. Our choir, under the direction of Brother Andrew L. Gardner and Sister Mary R. Burton has made great strides since its organization and is contributing greatly to our meeting. We appreciate the fine speakers we have had in the past and know that this will continue in the future. We invite each and every member of the ward to come and worship with us in this very important meeting.

April 11 is the date, and the Berkeley Recreation Hall the place for the next big social event of the year. It's the Ward Gold and Green Ball. Chairman Dick Evans promises a gala evening for all and committee members, Joanne Miller, Luana Ross, Margaret Kimber and Dave Fry, are working hard to fulfill his promise. Harold DeLaMare has been appointed Queen's chairman. Remember, Friday, April 11.

Jean Weber has joined the Primary staff for Group II. The Primary officers and teachers are looking forward to their annual potluck supper Friday, April 4.

Laura Summerhays won our Ward Extemporaneous Speaking Contest and the right to represent our Mutual in the Stake contest Tuesday, April 11. Other contestants, Dave Fry, Charmaine Guthrie, and Dick Evans also gave very fine and inspirational talks.

Glenn Harmon has joined a number of other First Warders at the BYU for the Spring Quarter. The latest vocalizing heard about the Ward Chapel comes from our Youth Chorus. The Chorus is sponsored by the Mutual and directed by Laura Summerhays, with the enthusiastic support of a fine group of young singers.

The Berkeley First Ward's Hawaiian Bazaar was an artistic, social and financial success, exceeding in its results any former efforts along these lines, thanks to the efforts of the efficient committee headed by the central leaders, Roy Gardner, Paul Braby, Del Rock, Less Stone and Wes Odell. The various priesthood groups and the auxiliaries filled and tended the attractive dozen or more booths. Chicken pie dinner was a treat, the "best dinner ever" in many an opinion. Unusual was the plant and bloom booth of the Seventy, led by Ted Baer and George Sorenson.

George also offered his landscaping services for a fee for the Bazaar's benefits. This is the profession George will engage in commercially soon, we hear.

Joyce Hill is reportedly having a "joyous" time in her school work at the Fluker Junior College in the Southland. Joyce is busy in the MIA and in the school social life, being on the college swimming team and also decorating committee for the Fullerton Green and Gold Ball. She is happy to make her home with her sister and brother-in-law, the former Berkeley warders, Earl and Robert Amos. We understand that Joyce will spend a week in Berkeley and hopes to attend the General Conference in Salt Lake during the between-semester period at the college.

Dr. Malcolm Merrill is reported acting head of the State Public Health office in the absence of the top man for a period. Doctor Merrill is officially in charge of the San Francisco area offices of Public Health, including the Campus activities.

Richard Hall and David Gardner have sent the Messenger some BYU news as you may read in this issue.

Denton May is teaching at the Lafayette Elementary, we are informed.

Berkeley 2nd Ward

By JUNE ELLIS

The third annual Scout snow trip was enjoyed by a large group of 21 Scouts under the leadership of Bill Cain. The boys stayed at Camp Brey on Sonora Pass highway near Dodge Ridge. They report the food was excellent and mostly donated by George Hall. "Not even a slight casualty" speaks well for their leaders. The boys earned the money selling Christmas wreaths.

The ward "Minstrel Show" was a huge success. All those who missed it have been demanding a return engagement, so Claremont and Richmond ward are cooperating and will give us another opportunity to see this amusing show on the 28th of March! Mark your calendar now.

The Deacons will reap reward for the best record of attendance and activity by being escorted through the Dodge plant on Wednesday, April 9.

Twelve individual awards were made to the members of the priests, deacons and teachers by the Bishop. We are proud of these fine young men who are growing up so well in our ward.

The Gold and Green Ball will be held in Berkeley ward on Friday, April 11 and 18 the Stake Gold and Green Ball will be held in the great Richmond Community Center. Keep these dates in mind and cast your vote for your group.

Brother Joe Wood, recently returned missionary, gave a very worthwhile talk at Sacrament meeting on the 28th of March. Our meetings on Sunday evening are so satisfying we cannot afford to miss any of them.

Mary Commandment is now the librarian for the Junior Sunday School and Charlotte Shepherd will be the assistant to Sister Kay Baer who is doing such a fine work with the children.

The funeral service for David Baer was one of the largest Berkeley ward has ever seen. It was a wonderful tribute to this brave spirit and his family who are beloved by all.

Sue Parsons was the honored guest at a very large group of friends who met on her birthday at the home of LaVon Eyring. Sue was presented with a beautiful hooked rug as a token of esteem.

Concord Ward News

By ELLEN R. COOK.

Our first two Sacrament meetings held in Concord have been very well attended. It is a pleasure indeed, to see the Concord people responding so wholeheartedly to the call of building up a new ward in this area. Our meetings, while being held in a public hall, have had a feeling of reverence and inspiration that have brought joy and satisfaction to all.

The Bishopric would like to invite and welcome all to our meetings. Priesthood meeting will be held at 9 a.m. at the Boy Scout hall on the corner of Salvio and Parkside streets. Sunday School will be held in the Martinez ward chapel at 11:15 a.m. Sacrament meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the IOOF hall in Concord, on the corner of Salvio and Colfax streets, with Primary at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the same building. Relief Society and Mutual will be held in conjunction with Martinez at their Ward chapel.

Brother Carvel Dansie has been appointed group leader of the Elders' in Concord, with Howard Price as instructor of the group. The Elders' Quorum welcome new members into their group. Earnest Adams, Chester Shurtleff, Rudy Coffins, Paul Jacobs and Howard Price.

The Sunday School Superintendent wishes to express gratitude to their officers and teachers for the wonderful spirit of cooperation and the willingness they have shown to work. They feel that the superintendency is just the ignition to start the work going and that every part operates well to make that organization a smooth running and very fine Sunday School.

The members of the Priesthood have responded to an urgent need in the community and are renovating and adding to the Boy Scout hall. The priesthood felt that they should do this inasmuch as Scout leaders in the community have volunteered the use of the Scout hall for priesthood meetings.

Richmond Wd. News

The Bishopric extends to all members of the Richmond ward an invitation to enjoy with them the BYU Symphony April 30, in the Berkeley Community Theatre. All funds received from tickets sold, beyond expenses will be applied toward the 1952 stake budget. Get tickets now from a member of the Bishopric. Tickets are almost all gone. See you there.

The ward members are rejoicing with the return of Brother Deloy Smith from Cowell Hospital where he has been recuperating from an attack of the mumps. We also wish to extend our wishes for a speedy recovery to Broher Marion Bledsoe, who has had a severe attack of influenza. We are also happy to report that the Peter Test family are well again.

Fireside was held at the home of Bishop Delbert Carmen. Those in attendance packed a large gift box containing candy, cookies and other goodies for Elder Ed Anderson, who is doing missionary work in Oregon.



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Oakland Stake Section

Niles-Centerville Branch Recalls Elders John M. Horner and J. Conrad Naile, First Citizens of Alameda County; Wealthy Church Benefactors

By Annaleone Davis Patton

All Latter-day Saints of Alameda County have a special interest in the organization of a branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Sunday, March 9, 1952, in the Niles-Centerville-Irvington district. It would be no misnomer to name this new branch the "Horner-Naile Ward," for this is the place where Americanism and Mormonism had a beginning a hundred years ago in California.

John M. Horner, a passenger on the famous ship Brooklyn (1846), became the first American to settle in what is now Alameda County. He came to Irvington in 1847. Private J. Conrad Naile, of Co. A, Mormon Battalion, came to Niles—1848. These two men contributed to the religious, cultural, and industrial life of the State of California. Each amassed great wealth and financed missionary work, translations and publication of vital material for the Church. Unlike Sam Brannon they used wealth for the Kingdom and died firm in the Faith.

They were builders and agriculturists. The History of Washington Township says, "The passengers from the famous ship Brooklyn brought the earliest permanent settlers of the State. Among them was John M. Horner . . . In 1847 Horner and his bride came to Washington Corners (Irvington) to live. At that time there was no other American resident between Mission San Jose and the Contra Costa line; and there were not five men of the Anglo-Saxon race on this (Oakland) side of San Francisco. His son William born here in 1848 was the first white child born in the township . . . The Brooklyn brought 238 colonists from the eastern shores with a knowledge of trades and stores of tools. Within a year many of these families crossed the bay into this goodly land, (Alameda County) and began the work which marks fifty years of this township (Washington) history as a golden era." Written in 1904.

Horner increased his farming operations to 16 acres. The scurried miners gladly paid high prices. Onions sold for \$40.00 per hundred pounds, potatoes sold for \$150.00 per ton, tomatoes at \$300.00 per ton. By 1853, Horner's potato crop reached a total of 11,000 tons; also 1500 acres of grain, harvested that year. Many Brooklyn friends came to southern Alameda County and went into business. Earl Marshall (another New Jersey Latter-day Saint) settled near Horner. He gave the county its first dairy. He sold milk at 25 cents per quart and other dairy products at high prices.

John M. Horner held religious meetings among the settlers before 1850. In 1850 he built a little church—school house in what was destined to become Centerville, and had a congregation of 30 to 40 people.

Before 1850 the group meet-

ings of the Latter-day Saints services had been held in the Naile Adobe. The History of Washington Township says, "The property adjoining Tyson's on the southeast was owned by Mr. Naile. He built a fine adobe just back of the present Overacker home (Michael Overacker).

The diary of Parley P. Pratt shows the entry of a donation of \$2,000, to help meet the payments on the Church's San Bernardino settlement. A. Milton Musser in an open letter to the Improvement Era records an incident of his missionary experience in 1852-53 when six missionaries of the LDS church were stranded in San Francisco. Their pooled resources, were \$750.00. They needed \$6250.00 to get to their assigned fields of labor. John Horner heard of their plight, hastened to San Francisco and gave them \$5500.

John Horner and Conrad Naile gave great financial aid to Parley P. Pratt and George Q. Cannon. These two elders did much writing while in San Francisco. In the 1850's, Elder Pratt wrote his Key to Theology here; and Elder Cannon translated the Book of Mormon into the Hawaiian language. Conrad Naile financed this translating and its publication. Brother Naile's residence in California was brief. His residence in Southern Utah and Republic of Mexico fills many pages of church history. His "midas touch" in industry never failed him. He never was reduced to zero, the starting point, as John Horner was during the terrible depression of the 1850's. Later in San Francisco, and Hawaii, John Horner built another fortune. Horner was never embittered by what he suffered.

After moving to Utah, Conrad Naile changed the spelling of his name to Naegle, the original German spelling — the English spelling is Naile. He was noted for his financial aid to the church. Once Conrad Naegle (Naile) took two wagon loads of grain into the presiding Bishop's office to pay his tithing. Bishop Hunter said, "Brother Conrad, you have paid more gold into the church at one time than any other man in the church." He was also renowned for his missionary sons and daughters, many of whom returned to preach, in John Conrad's native Bavaria.

Hayward Ward News

By ANN LIVINGSTON.

Sunday, March 9, under the direction of President Shaw, the Centerville Branch was organized. Brother Lynde Lindsay was sustained as the presiding elder with Francis B. Winkle and Wm. Robertson as counselors, and Jed Oxborrow as Branch clerk. Daniel Bodily was voted in as the Superintendent of the Sunday School; Marie Lindsay as the president of the Relief Society; Parrel Pugmire as the president of the Primary. Although this takes quite a slice off the ward we wish them the very best of luck. They have now enrolled some 150 members. They ask the whole stake to watch their smoke!

There have to be little changes in our own ward from time to time. Bro. Fred Maney was sustained as an assistant in the superintendency of the Sunday School, with Geraldine Goetting as secretary and Phillip Thomas as chorister. Phillis Eustice is the counselor to Sister Madson in the Primary. Fern Graf was asked to act as counselor to Helen Keam in the MIA, with Elythe Rosenkrans as secretary.

The MIA presented us with a delightful one-act play called "An Apple for Teacher." We extend a vote

Livermore Br. News

BRANCH PRESIDENT'S

My Dear Brothers and Sisters: With the ending of March and the beginning of April Spring will be out in full bloom; the wild flowers will be showing their gay colors. The Lord will indeed be blessing us in abundance; so why should we not get together and thank Him. Each Sabbath we hold a Sacramento meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Lord meets with us, and at these times we can all thank Him as the Lord has asked us to do. Here we listen to the words spoken that will mean so much to us and to our children. Times to come, as well as at present.

May I say, God bless you; let us all meet again and partake of the holy Sacrament together in rejoicing and thanksgiving.—BRUCE W. McLAUGHLIN.

All those who turned out for the Relief Society party March 15, report that they had a "bang-up" good time. At the potluck dinner everyone brought her favorite recipe; this dinner was followed by square dancing. Brother and Sister Basil Creager were the dance instructors. Thanks to all who helped to make this party the success all declared it to have been.

Lella Bates, from Oakland, gave us instruction and a demonstration in textile printing at the monthly "work and business" meeting of the Relief Society.

The big news from the Primary is the change in meeting place. Our Branch president has secured the IOOF hall for the Wednesday Primary. There we will have the use of the piano, plus added classroom facilities. So, everyone with children please bring or send them to this splendid daytime religious activity. Sister Della McLaughlin has been obtained for the Primary. She will be relieving Barbara Clark, who will continue as first counselor. We have appreciated her efforts in this dual capacity. Darlene McGregor has been released as teacher of group I, a work she did so well.

Primary Conference is scheduled for the first Sunday in May. We are preparing for that event, so keep the date in mind. Brother and Sister Kern are proud to announce the addition of a new Branch member, a baby boy who joined our group February 22, weighing just ten pounds.

Maxwell Park News

By NORMA WILLIAMS.

Did you know that we have some very talented young people in our ward? At our ward speech carnival in which George Thain and Sharon Dolan participated, they were chosen to represent Maxwell Park in the stake speech festival. She did exceedingly well, too, winning first place in speaking about her birthright.

We also have some fine singers in the ward. In the recent Oakland Public Schools music festival, Bob Martin, Gary and Barbara Arnold won ribbons in the high school division, while Gary Judson won an award in the Junior High School division. Some of the talent of the Maxwell Park ward is used in an MIA assembly program, providing an especially enjoyable evening for the mutual.

A new MIA Men and Gleaner class was formed recently, under the leadership of Bea Larsen and William Stewart. Officers were elected, with Shirley Turner as Gleaner counselor, George Thain as MIA Men counselor and Sharon Dolan as secretary.

The class had a Gleaner night, getting acquainted with the new members more events for the next few months. Sidney Judson has been transferred to a new base; hence, he and Marilyn have moved to Wichita, Kansas. They disliked leaving the friends they had in Texas but are looking forward to making new ones now that they are settled in their new ward.

The Saturday night dances for the young people of our stake are now being held in our ward. All of the youth are invited to attend these dances and have a good time. The attendance achievements of the girls in MIA are something to be noted. There is an honor roll on the bulletin board that lists the names of the girls who attained 100 per cent attendance records for the previous month at Sacramento meetings, Sunday School and Mutual.

The Ward Gold and Green Ball was held recently, honoring Gleaner Debs Sharon Dolan and Shirley Turner. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion and all who participated are to be commended for their efforts.

What a grand success in every way was our group "Stylish Vixens," March 29, in the Scottish Rite Temple theatre. Congratulations to all!

of thanks to Mary Jane Root for the fine work she is doing in this branch of the Mutual.

Our "Home Night" program, under direction of the Relief Society, was a huge success. The Rosenkrans family sang "Bless this House" very delightfully. The Blazer family gave an example of what a home night should be. Mildred Fontana added a few well chosen words in behalf of the Stake Board.

The reason that Dales and Cathy Mathews are wearing such huge smiles these days is the birth of their son, Marshfield. This is their third baby, the others were stillborn. The prayers and well wishes of the ward were certainly with them. March 10 a baby boy was born to Warren and Joanne Phister.

Wedding bells are ringing! May Bates and Joseph Young were married in Richmond, March 10. Davel White and Marsha Stranger were married in the Salt Lake Temple March 18. Reception will be given the young couple in our chapel on March 25, another will be given in San Jose, Marsha's home town, later. Davel has just returned from a mission to Uruguay. He has to leave very soon for the military service.

James Campbell was ordained a Priest. Gary Blair is home from Korea. He is with the Signal Corps and will be stationed in the States. Dr. Monson and family have moved from our ward into the Castro Valley ward. Ruth Wilson was our representative in the speech carnival. The Relief Society gave a fine ham dinner to celebrate the founding of the Relief Society.

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Oakland Stake Social Calendar

BY JAMES K. LE SUEUR.

April 17—Thurs.—Stake MIA Leadership Meeting, Elmhurst chapel

April 18—Saturday: Dimond Ward Social, Dimond chapel.

Castro Valley Social, Castro Valley.

Relief Society Bazaar, Alameda.

April 19—Saturday—Alameda M Men, Gleaner Outing, Alameda.

Oakland Ward Friendly Dinner, Oakland.

April 30—Wednesday—BYU Symphony Orchestral, Oakland and Berkeley Stakes, Berkeley Theatre.

May 2—Friday—Maytime Dance, Maxwell Park.

Arts Festival, Hayward.

May 3—Saturday—Primary Festival, Alameda.

All-wards' Music Festival, all wards.

See your local ward MIA officers for last minute changes and exact starting times.

Alameda Ward News

By VERLA SMITH.

On Thursday evenings at the NAS, Alameda, a Gospel Study Group holds an open meeting. All interested are asked to meet at the main gate at 7:15 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Leap year is really paying off. Engaged are Marilyn Knowles to Jess Huse, and Lola Stam to Kraft "Bud" Dallof.

Marilyn Peterson became Mrs. Bob Wagner on February 18. She was given a large shower by Hazel Bangerter on St. Patrick's day.

The Alameda ward feels a great loss since the Steele family moved to Montana. Every happiness and success to them in their new home.

Also leaving the ward is Irma Jean Wilson now of Glendale, in the Southland. Val Winkle is temporarily at Fort Ord as the guest of his Uncle Sam.

We are glad to see Sister Simpson up and around again after her trouble with an infected foot.

March 14 Jane Podwys became the mother of a baby girl, Leota. May and Rudolph Knowles now have three more grandchildren.

Alameda ward is proud of its Relief Society members for donating 235 hours of work in sewing and in baby sitting to finish our Welfare project of 60 pairs of pants. Congratulations!

The Alameda Ward Welfare Bazaar comes to us April 18. Hold that date. The "Country Store" will feature fresh and canned vegetables, fresh bakery goods, and many hand-sewed articles. There'll be popcorn, candy and games for the children. DINNER WILL BE SERVED. Sounds like a lot of fun. Let's go!

A shower for the Bazaar will be held during Relief Society meeting, April 9. If you have an article to donate, bring it wrapped as a gift. At this Relief Society meeting there will be games and luncheon.

Bruce Morgan, recently returned from the Southern States Mission, gave his home-coming report at the Sacramento meeting March 9. He met all his ward friends at a reception after the meeting.

Patricia Jorgensen has been released as Age Group counselor in the Mutual. Replacing her comes Margaret Leibhart, former Junior Gleaner leader.

A large group of the officers and teachers of the MIA and their partners met at a social group Saturday, April 15. A buffet supper was held at the home of the Gustavsons.

Alameda ward received a check at the stake Leadership meeting on March 20, for having reached their Era quota. However, many homes are not yet availing themselves of this inspiring magazine. D. Smith and Evelyn Fink are the Era directors and will be glad to serve you.

The Alameda ward extends sincere thanks and appreciation to Gallene Clayton, who has served so well as our ward Messenger reporter. She now becomes a stake missionary. Congratulations, and thanks for a work well done. The new reporter is Verla Smith. If you have any news please be sure to contact her at L.A. 3-6804.

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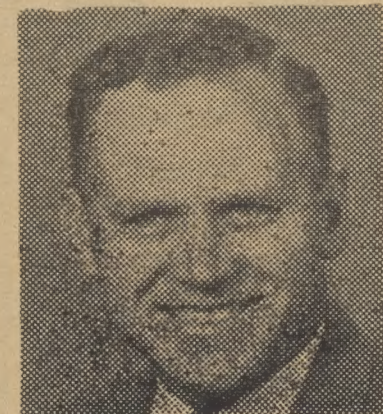
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Oakland Stake Section

Oakland Stake News

By Mildred Morgan

The Stake Primary Board wishes to welcome three new members: Louise Amsbraugh, Alice Bauer, and Edna Owen. We have released reluctantly Lorna Beach and Ardella Woods. Sister Woods has been sustained as president of the Maxwell Park ward Primary. In this position we wish her every joy and success.

The Oakland stake Penny Drive for the benefit of the Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City was very successful again this year. For this we wish to thank the ward leaders and members.

Great thought for the month: "Thoughts suppressed may sometimes fall back dead, but God himself cannot kill them when once they're said."—Will Carleton.

The Singing Mothers of Oakland stake Relief Society, together with the ward presidents and the stake board as guests, held a delightful party and luncheon March 5 at the Elmhurst chapel. Autographing pictures of the Singing Mothers who sang for the last stake Conference was the order of the day.

News does travel! A letter from sister Hazel Reed Farmer, members of Alameda ward, written from the Jacksonville, Florida stake says that her husband, Charles Reed, sent the good word from Hawaii that he met his stake president, Delbert F. Wright, at the stake conference the Hawaiian stake in Hawaii recently figure that one out?

A luncheon to raise money for ward and stake work is to be held April 14. Everyone reserve that date, please.

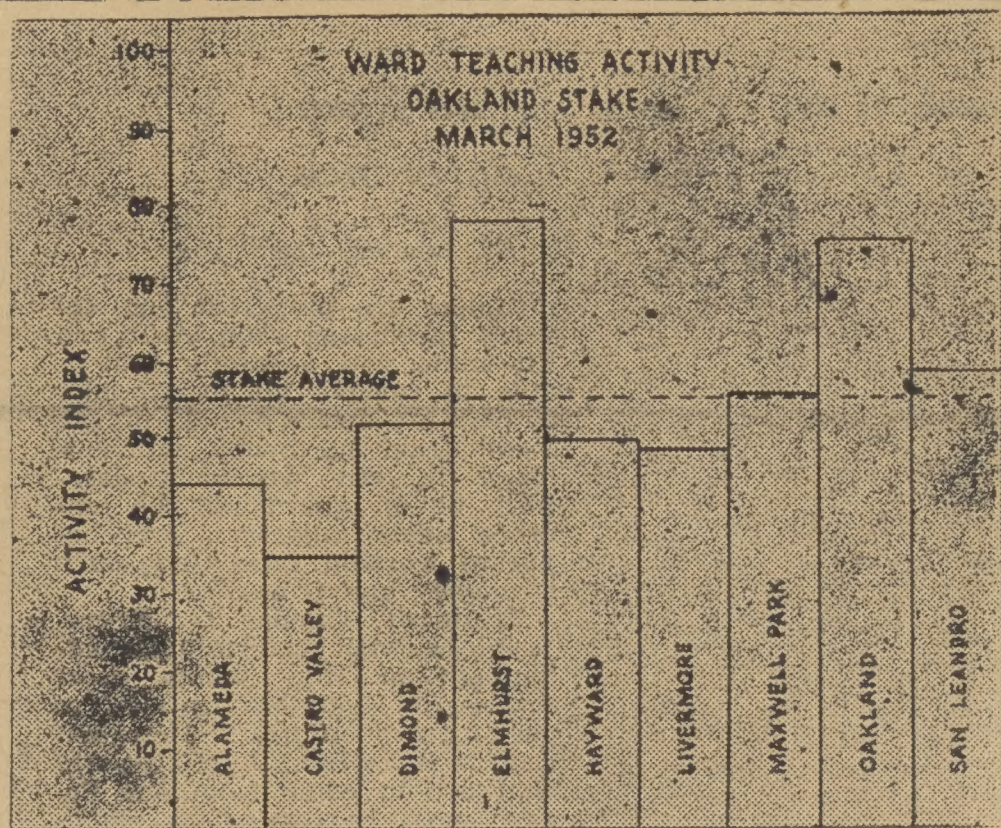
The many friends of Rollin Jensen and his fine family will rejoice with them in Rollin's current success as a pianist on circuit with a famed soloist in the East, Miss Dorothy Warrenskjold, noted opera, radio, television, and concert artist. They have appeared in many of the Western states and are now in the East giving a number of concerts. After a short rest and holiday in New York City, Rollin will soon return to his studies at the University of California where he is a junior.

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Oakland Stake Ward-Teaching Committee,
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Centerville S. S.

By MARIE LINDSAY.

Yes! It is true, Centerville is now an Independent Branch of the Oakland Stake of Zion! While this brings the joy of accomplishment it also brings the sadness of being separated from loved members of Hayward ward. But of course more members may develop their talents of leadership thru the various callings in the new branch.

This reminds us of the words of Henry Drummond in his book, "The Greatest Thing in the World," (p. 29) "Do not isolate yourself. Be among men, be among things, among troubles, and difficulties, and obstacles. Remember Goethe's words, 'Talent develops itself in solitude; character in the stream of life.' That chiefly is where men are to learn Love."

The IOOF hall in Irvington was filled to capacity Sunday morning for the Sunday school and reorganization. Among the many visitors were Glenn Shaw and Elmo R. Smith of the stake presidency; W. A. Stewart, stake clerk; Orval Ostler, Hayward ward bishop; Milton Ream and Wilford T. Webb of the high council and the high priests presidency; Jas. J. Muir, Conrad Barber and Ray Darton. Sisters Smith and Shaw accompanied their husbands.

The branch boundaries and the new officers have been accepted. Clyde W. Lindsay, branch president; Francis Winkel and James Robertson, counselors; Fred Oxborough, clerk; Dan Bodily, S. S. Supt.; Marie Lindsay, Relief Society president; Farrell Pugmire, Primary president. The IOOF hall in Irvington has been acquired for the sacrament meetings Sunday evenings at 7:00. It is with humility that we all accept our places in the new branch and with a great desire that we may place ourselves in tune with our Heavenly Father's Spirit. Only by meriting His guidance can we expect to be united and successful as a branch.

At the invitation of the Hayward ward Relief Society, Centerville branch was joined with Hayward branch in celebrating the birth of the Relief Society at a dinner with floor show Monday evening, March 17. Under the heading, Cancer Society Aide Appointed" appeared the following article under the caption, Newark, Calif.

"Mrs. James A. Robertson has been named American Cancer Society education chairman for Washington township, it was announced by Mrs.

Bus. News Notes

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the country, like a magic carpet, calling on his agents.

● One of the most impressive personalities and gifted and devoted members in business and Church affairs in Santa Rosa stake appears again in the advertising columns of that stake in this Messenger. We refer to Thomas C. Byrne. His ad, "Today—Do Something About Polio Insurance," carries also the face of Elder Byrne who is first counselor in the stake presidency, and was formerly similarly serving in the Northern California Mission presidency, and before that, president of the Santa Rosa District of the Mission. Sometime he could well be invited to address the saints in many wards outside Santa Rosa stake for his fervent manner of convincing gospel preaching is warming indeed to the heart of the hearers.

● Tony Clark, East Richmond ward home builder is enjoying his new home in the new Richmond residence section for homes east of San Pablo avenue a few blocks. We were entertained in this excellent, roomy home recently at an E. R. Ward's Fireside group. . . . It is reported that Bishop Esperson of the E. R. Ward is contemplating building a new home near Arlington Avenue and within the E. R. ward.

Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the society's Alameda county branch.

It is also pleasant to hear good reports of our younger people in different fields. This month we mention William Silver, son of Joseph and Marg Silver of Newark, who is an "A" student majoring in chemistry at San Jose State college. He is planning to enter the UC next season. Success to you, Bill, and to all such industrious young people.

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San Leandro News

By VERA JACKSON.

There has been a great deal take place in the San Leandro ward since our last report to the Messenger. Our birthday celebration was a tremendous success, well attended, the dinner delicious and the entertainment splendid. Each organization had its part and everyone did willingly and well what they were asked.

Especially do we want to mention our Relief Society president, and offer publicly a word of praise to her. Sister Marjorie Clements is most efficient, planning everything to the last detail. The Bishop has repeatedly spoken of her assistance to him and his appreciation. We realize, too, and must not fail to mention, the fine cooperation and help Sister Clements receives from her co-workers.

The Relief Society organization has recently celebrated another birthday. It was a lovely affair. Approximately 35 ladies sat down to luncheon, including Sister Della Swenson, Stake Relief Society president and Sister Hazel Allen, Stake Secretary. The ice cream, served with a delicious birthday cake, was sent with birthday greetings and best wishes from the San Leandro Ward Bishopric.

Ladies—the Relief Society is your organization. The friendliest spirit is always present at the meetings, and you certainly would be made to feel welcome. Make it a point to attend Relief Society each Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

Many of our San Leandro couples missed a most delightful evening when the MIA held their Ward Gold and Green Ball. The attendance was disappointing but certainly did not dampen the spirit of the evening. The music, furnished by Don Cobb's band, a group of teen-agers, was fine, the novelty dances were fun and the refreshments, served in a clever and original manner were especially good. By paying your ward budget you invested in just such parties to be provided by the Mutual. Don't you care about dividends?

The Primary continues for the children each Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. The officers and teachers are constantly trying out new ideas of interest for the kiddies. This past month we understand they, the children, were fascinated with a bit of folk dancing in which most of them participated—and the teachers, fascinated by the children's folk dancing.

The oldest member of our San Leandro ward passed away on March 11, 1952, in her 94th year. Mrs. Mary Smith, mother of Mrs. Thomas D. Phillips, Mrs. Smith and her sister, Margaret Lamb of Heber City, Utah, were believed to be the nation's oldest twins. Her death came approximately one month after the Golden Wedding Celebration of Brother and Sister Thomas D. Phillips.

During the past month the stork visited the home of Brother and Sister George Tillotson, leaving them their third son, Congratulatory. It's congratulations, also, to Merilla Jean Hamilton and William Allan Rice, who were married Monday.

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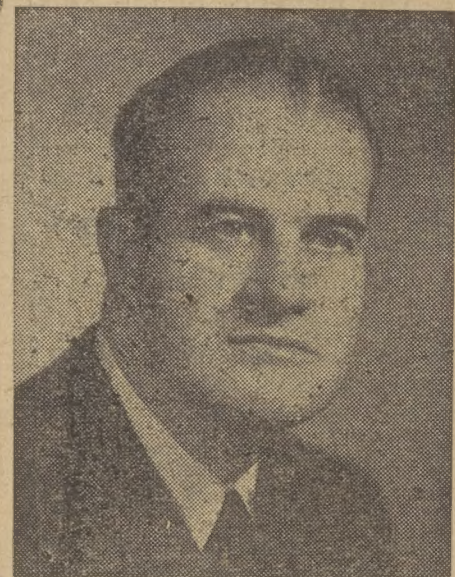
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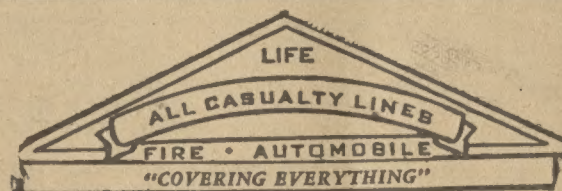
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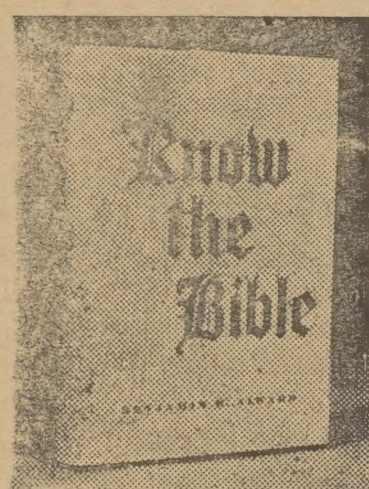
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◆ SAN FRANCISCO STAKE SECTION ◆

San Francisco Stake Social Calendar

APRIL 1952

- April 7—Stake Folk Dancing. Held in Stake House.
- April 12—MIA Maids Rose Prom. An important affair for the girls and their partners. At Stake House.
- April 14—Folk Dancing again.
- April 18—222 Quorum of 70s give a dinner, with entertainment. A Welfare project.
- April 22—Stake Junior Gleaner and Junior M Men elections. Watch for the place it will be held.
- April 25—Stake MIA Music Festival. Always very good entertainment.
- April 28—Stake Folk Dancing.

Mission Ward News San Francisco

By ETHEL TITUS.
3222 22nd St., San Francisco.

It is the desire of the Bishopric to encourage our people to attend our Sunday night Sacrament services. We realize the Sacrament service is designed for us to worship and renew our covenant by partaking of the Sacrament and to enjoy the companionship of each other. In addition to this blessing, to be instructed in the things of our Eternal Father. In order that we might make our Sacrament service diversified so far as the instructions are concerned we have organized these meetings in the following manner. The second Sunday is organized to present to the ward membership the council and the policies of the operations of the ward as well as presenting some gospel theme that will bless us spiritually. The third Sunday is organized as a mission night. It is this night that we encourage you to bring your investigating friends because in this meeting the first principles of the gospel will be taught so that the youngest of the oldest might have a clear understanding of the fundamental teachings of the Church. On the fourth Sunday we have a visitor from the regular High Council who will present to us the counsel and instructions from our Stake Presidency along with some helpful spiritual sermons.

It is our desire as a bishopric to make sure that the first principles of the gospels are fully understood by all the members from the youngest to the oldest that we have under our ward supervision. We solicit you and your family for your suggestions so that we might make these meetings as appealing as possible. We pray that the blessings of the Lord will attend our membership.

MISSION WARD BISHOPRIC. Relief Society's March Sunday night meeting followed the regular prescribed outline for that evening and much favorable comment that has heard about those taking part. Apart from the regular proceedings, however, President Mabel Liddell paid tribute to three of our sisters for outstanding service. Sister Esther Cammerer and her sister, Irene Weeks, were presented corsages for their tireless and unselfish work as instructors on our Welfare pants project. For the past three years they have devoted many hours helping our women meet our reassignment quota.

A corsage was also presented to Gladys Parkes who, in spite of health and employment outside the home, put our ward over the top in our Annual Relief Society magazine drive. The award made by the Stake Board for the largest percentage sale came to our ward because of her efforts.

Although most of the Mission ward group of elders are still unaware of this, there's a potluck dinner scheduled for them in the very near future. Details for the affair are still incomplete. We hope they have a successful evening.

Joanne Ball is our newest young newlywed. She and Salvador De Santi were married on Saturday, March 15, by Bishop Wallace N. Allred. Services were performed in our ward chapel.

Mission ward's first 1952 baby was a girl, born on January 4 to Maynard E. and Corinne June Munson Hickman. She was christened Suzanne.

It took several days' hard work to refinish the floor in our lovely amusement hall. The Mutual young set is making very good use of its improved condition.

Mission Ward Conference is scheduled for May 19 and 20. There will be very special plans made for the success of these meetings. The reason? Our Silver Anniversary. We have come a long way in those 25 years.

• "If you want to change yourself, change your diet by mixing in plenty of spiritual food," said Elder Harold B. Lee in Provo March 11 before the Brigham Young University students and faculty. "What you are tomorrow depends on what you think today," he added, and

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Liahona Club

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Club President Dennis Lauper reminded the members that it was time to pay their annual dues. Those who pay by April will be included in a new roster and directory to be published in April.

The club was informed of the appointment of A. D. Erickson as Campsite Committee Chairman.

Member M. G. Stephens told the club of the LDS Chapel that is being built in Nova Scotia, where his daughter, Carmen, is on a Mission, and mentioned that donations would be accepted to aid in its construction.

Two new members were approved and presented with their gold club pins: Bert Poulton of the Artway Slip Cover Co. and J. Howard Dunn—an engineer with the City of Oakland.

Vice President Dr. Ronald Smith led a discussion on the when and where of holding future membership meetings, after which Vice President George Hall, Sam Scott, and Arthur Bliss were appointed as a committee to investigate and make recommendations as to suitable locations for the coming dinner meetings.

MARCH MEETING

All the Liahona Cadalacks and good old flivvers turned their faces towards the Lemington Hotel last Monday evening, March 23 for the Liahona Club's first dinner at the famous Oakland hotel and in one of its club dining rooms. The fare turned out to be very delicious, and the attendance genial and happy. Doctor Milton Ream gave members some very frank and practical advice in health matters, and answered the many questions that were on tap at the end of his talk.

A. D. Erickson enjoyed his first Liahona dinner as just a member after his three terms as president. President Dennis Lauper presented A. D. with a diamond studded Liahona pin as a token of appreciation for the valiant services. As chairman of the Lodge Committee, and also of District two completion of the Lodge on the Stanislaus, and increased membership will continue to keep A. D. busy.

The Club voted that each member present would pledge to bring with him next month at least one other member not present in March or to contribute one dollar to the Club's treasury. This was George Hall's suggestion after discussion, and met with heavy support. Come on, you!

Eva Schleich, one of the Oakland stake's canary-bird soloists sang three delightful numbers, accompanied by the capable and always willing, Pearl Bliss.

The benefits in a business way, as well as socially, of attending Liahona dinners was pointed out by Art Bliss. One business contact thus made may mean a great deal, he said.

• The "Church of the Air" for Sunday April 6th will hear the Tabernacle choir and an address by Marion G. Romney of the Twelve. Subject, "In God We Trust." Beginning in 1935 the Church has been allotted four broadcasts each year, two usually coming at the April and the October general conferences.

• Again California stakes excel. So. L. A. stake led the Church in Feb. in ward teaching percentage (90 per cent), San Fernando stake came fifth. So. L. A. Stake also ranked high



An Envious Record

An enviable record has been achieved by J. Bonner Ritchie, a teacher of Sunset ward.

During the past five years he has had perfect attendance at Sacrament meeting, Priesthood meeting and Sunday school, and during this period has missed MIA just twice.

J. Bonner, who is president of his Teachers quorum—the only quorum in San Francisco Stake to achieve a quorum award, is the son of Bishop and Sister Horace J. Ritchie, formerly of Roosevelt, Utah.

S. F. Ward News

By MRS. C. E. WRIGHT.

The Sweethearts' Ball on February 15, represented just another change in entertainment to San Francisco ward, the decorations, theme, music and the sweethearts in general made the evening a great success. Bishop Price crowned Natalie Neff the lovely queen chosen. Her attendants were Carla Whitaker and Georgia Hammond. Pretty Little Lark Przybyla was flower girl and carried the crown.

Several changes have been made recently in the Mutual. Roger Pratt as Assistant; Don Wright as secretary; Al Anderson, who has recently been released from the Marine Corp, the Explored Leader, replacing Ray Chugg. The young ladies sustained were Jeanne Kenmore as Music Director, Carla Whitaker, assistant secretary, Tillie Allen, MIA Maids Leader and Georgia Hammond, Gleaner Leader.

Sister Peggy Nelms, having moved to Russian River, has been succeeded as first counselor in the Relief Society by Barbara Walker. Anna Jensen has been sustained as second counselor.

Well has departed for Los Angeles where she will spend the next two months studying music. Brent Jones registered at the Brigham Young University, beginning with the arrival of a daughter, he'll be a member of the choir and will be in the Junior Sunday School. We'll miss his fine spirit of cooperation and willingness to serve where needed. Our love and good wishes go with Brent.

Sister Mary Taylor has moved to Denver to make her home. Alroy Back, who is in the service, was away for a short time on assignment at the Michigan Army Hospital.

The Lamberts and Wrights motored to Modesto on February 22, where they were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Glen P. Vincent, formerly members of San Francisco stake.

Hank and La Von Pardini rejoice over the arrival of a daughter, Denise, on February 1.

The Special Interest group of the MIA were treated to refreshments at the Presidio home of Colonel and Mrs. J. C. Rugg, a very interesting and educational tour of the government radio station.

The funeral services of little Patricia Ann Joseph were held on March 5, under direction of Albee Peterson, a member of the Bishopric, assisted by Elder Stark of the Northern California Mission.

Services for First Lt. Dale F. Cregar, who was killed in Korea, were held Friday, March 7; interment was in Golden Gate National Cemetery. Dale is the son of Sister Vanita Anderson Rugg.

Sister Pearl Nash, who for many months was a member of our choir, passed away at the home of a sister in Salt Lake City, on February 12, 1952.

The son of Sister Eliza Konold passed away on February 17. We learn that funeral services were held in Berkeley for Josephine Braley, mother of Sister Rena Ruff.

We all sorrow with the families of those departed. Jeanne Kenmore was really trying to cut capers during the Ski Trip on February 29, and succeeded in bringing home, not the blue ribbon, but a neatly bandaged sprained ankle.

Word has come from the Brigham Young University to Bro. and Sister Wright that their daughter, Karma, has been elected secretary of the Honorary Home Economics Sorority the Gamma Phi Omicron.

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S. F. Stake News

By JEAN LAUPER.

At midnight, February 29, two buses and four private cars took off for the annual snow trip to Badger Pass, in Yosemite. Ninety-one young people spent a wonderful day in the snow. Under the instruction of Brother D'isepe a school for beginning skiers was held, while others were taught the use of snow shoes. The experts took to the hills for their fun. Midnight, March 1, found the party back home, just in time to miss the bus strike. The entire trip was under the direction of Frank Heiss and Hope Peterson of the MIA boards.

The annual Gold and Green Ball held in the stake house March 14 was a real success. Decorated with an Irish theme, the hall looked unusually lovely. The ward queens were Balboa: Alice Jensen; Mission, Lesly Petree; San Francisco, Natalie Neff; San Rafael, Merle Dunford; Sunset, Georgia Lauper. The beautifully arranged stake had a lively leprechaun who escorted each girl to her place. Small bouquets were selected and Lesly Petree of Mission was crowned queen of the stake. To make the evening even more exciting, just before the party, Lesly had put on her finger a gorgeous diamond engagement ring by Kenneth Klippel. Kenneth, who was baptized a member of the Church several months ago, and Lesly, will be married August 6.

The following evening, the teen age ball was held. A large group of the younger set had a wonderful time. Chocolate dipped ice cream cones were served.

Next important MIA affair is the M Men-Gleaner Banquet to be held March 29 in the Nob Hill room of the Fairmont Hotel. A delicious dinner will be served, followed by dancing to the KCBS orchestra.

Col. LeGrande Neilson, formerly Stake MIA Superintendent, has returned to his home in Fort Riley, Kansas, after spending a few months at Fitzsimmons Hospital, in Denver, Colorado. He is superintendent of the Sunday School in his branch.

March 13 the Relief Society held a Union meeting and birthday luncheon for officers and teachers of the stake. Following the meeting, the women went to the Scout room where, from a beautifully decorated table a buffet luncheon was served. The Relief Society colors of Gold and Blue were carried out. A pleasant hour of visiting followed.

Gregory Bensen, the 8-year old son of Nell Marie and Wesley T. Bensen, has been seriously ill in the hospital for several weeks. As this is written, his condition has improved; he is expected home within a few days.

The Stake party planned by the Primary for officer and teachers, has been postponed.

The ward conferences to be held the first Sundays of April and May by the Primary are all under way, with special attention given to the music. Many songs in the new book, "The Children Sing," will be presented.

A recent visitor to San Francisco was Sister Florence Smith of Salt Lake City. Sister Smith, who, with her husband, the late Nicholas G. Smith, presided over two missions for the Church, was the guest of her sister, Olive Salmon, of Sunset ward.

Born to Clyde and Harriet Hart, February 7, a son, Donald Peter. The Harts are stationed in Weisbaden, Germany, where Clyde is with the Air Force. They report life in Germany is very pleasant; they are happy there. In the spring Brother and Sister Hart will take an extended tour of

Sunset Ward News

By JEANNE BARTON.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

We present as our thought this warning quotation: "Do not assume that your children are beyond the reach of Satan. Always conduct your family life acting on the fact that Satan stands at the elbow of your dear one to lead him astray."—President J. Reuben Clark.

Sunday evening, March 16, the Aaronic Priesthood of the ward was honored at a special service. Tribute to the boys for their achievements in Aaronic Priesthood were given by Ray Southwick, President Hilton A. Robertson of the Chinese Mission, President Serge J. Lauper and the Sunset Ward Bishopric. Those who received special awards were: Franz Marquardt and Robert Stein. Teachers: Sherman Draper, Raymond Stein, Al Pusey, J. Bonner Ritchie, John Starkey, Ronald Ray and Donald H. Redford. These special awards were personally presented to each boy by his parent. Special recognition was given to J. Bonner Ritchie for his perfect attendance at Priesthood meeting, Sacrament meeting, Sunday School and Mutual for the past five years. This is truly a fine example for us all to follow.

Under the direction of Sister Ann Barton, supervisor of the ward sewing at Welfare Center, with the able assistance of Marjorie Spradling, Louise Anderson, Melba Scallan, Pat Robertson, Etta Marquardt and Florence Costa, the Welfare sewing project has made very satisfactory progress. The sisters have enjoyed this work and have efficiently produced about three-fourths of our yearly quota. This work is greatly appreciated in recognition of the splendid efforts John Starkey, Brother and Sister Ritchie have been appointed to supervise these Fire-sides. We look forward to some interesting and enjoyable Sunday evenings under their direction. All the young people are invited to affiliate themselves.

Baptized and confirmed this month: Susan Alveda Larson, Margaret Ann McDonald and Dennis Gordon Brown. Ordinations in the Priesthood, to the office of Deacon: Frank Mathe-son. The Deacons' Quorum has been reorganized and is now under the direction of Jimmy Kanzler, Jerome Benson, Bruce Ellsworth and Robert Stein.

The Relief Society is extending to the sisters of the ward an opportunity to participate with them in a Red Cross Project. An afghan is being made to present to the Red Cross. Contribution of yarn or cash with which to purchase the yarn are acceptable. This project provides an opportunity for the sisters to participate in a worthwhile public service program.

Europe, driving their own car. Clyde has been appointed Superintendent of the Sunday School in his area.

The MIA announces Leadership meeting Sunday afternoon, April 20. This date was preferred over Monday meeting of last month.

The 222 Quorum of Seventy is planning another of those wonderful dinners and entertainments. It's to be held April 18, to raise money for the Welfare program.

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declared "When you train a boy you train a single person, but when you train a girl you are training an entire family. In seeking a good life keep close to eternal things," he concluded.

Christ Solemnly Attests His Divinity

(A series of quotations from the Gospel of John. Third installment.)
Jesus' words to the women of Samaria who came to draw water at Jacob's well where Jesus sat resting:

Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water . . .

Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again; but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up unto everlasting life. . . .

The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ; when He is come, He will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.—John 4-10, 13., 14, 25, 26.

Master's Theses Gathered At BYU

The Church News reports a large collection of Master's theses dealing with various phases of Gospel and Mormon Church themes, written not only at the "Y" but by LDS students from Chicago University, N.Y. University and the University of Utah, are now gathered at the BYU library.

Half of these were submitted by graduate students who were working for master's degrees in theology and religion, but the other half deals with sociology, education and history.

One study, as an illustration, is devoted to a study of the terms inspiration and revelation as used by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Another deals with a comparison of the authorized and the revised versions of the Book of Genesis.

Others deal with the social backgrounds of LDS members; the activities of former missionaries; the effect of Church activity in rural living, and plural marriage. These make instructive reading and are available to all at the BYU library at any time and even may be "borrowed" for a time by the Church Institutes and Seminaries. Some have been on loan at the Berkeley Institute from time to time.

Miss America Dignifies

Miss America Pageant Says Leader of That Group

"Because of her religious and educational background Colleen Kay Hutchins has brought more commendation to the Miss America Pageant Association during 1952 than it has ever received before," quotes the Deseret News from Mrs. L. S. Slaughter, executive secretary of the Miss America Pageant during a recent visit to Salt Lake City.

More letters have come commending the Pageant for the wholesome quality of our selection than ever before, especially commending the pageant in that Miss Hutchins does not smoke nor drink. Magazines of all denominations have besieged headquarters at Atlantic City for permission to write stories about Colleen and her LDS background.

Miss Hutchins left March 17 on a tour of South America as a "Goodwill Ambassador of the United States." In July she will go to Europe on a similar mission.

BYU Religion Department

Sets Up Three Divisions

A change in Brigham Young university religion departments at the graduate level was announced today by Dr. Asahel D. Woodruff, dean of the BYU graduate school.

The departments decided on were: (1) Scripture, which included all work in the four standard works of the church; (2) Semitic languages, which includes all studies of Hebrew, Aramaic and other bible languages except Greek; and (3) Church history and philosophy, which includes all studies of LDS doctrine and program.

For the present, Dr. Sidney B. Sperry, director of BYU religious instruction, will act as chairman of the first two departments, and Wesley Belpap of the religion faculty as chairman of the third department.

According to Dr. Woodruff, the purpose of the change is to provide for our seminary and institute teachers the possibility of majoring in areas which are of the greatest value to them in their work, and at the same time to combine the facilities of our faculty to give them a stronger program.

DUP Divides L. A. County Company

The Los Angeles County Company of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers was divided into three companies in the Southland February 29, we learn from the LDS newspaper in that area, The California Intermountain News.

Now we read of the South L.A. County Company, the West L.A. County Company, and the Center L.A. County Company of the DUP. The South L.A. County Company seems to contain the old nucleus area, that of Matthew, Vermont, and Adams wards as well as camps in Huntington Park and Long Beach.

Death of Mary Smith of San Leandro Parts Oldest United States Twins

Amelia Everett has sent the Messenger clippings from the Oakland Tribune bearing the same headline that is used to head this story.

"The women who are believed to be the nation's oldest pair of twins have been parted today March 12, 1952 with the death of Mrs. Mary Jenkins Smith, 94, in an Alameda county hospital," says the Tribune. In her younger days she had been active in various Church organizations.

Mrs. Smith and her twin sister, Mrs. Lamb, now of Heber City, Utah, received recognition as the oldest twins at the Golden Gate International Exposition at Treasure Island. The twins at the age of three crossed the plains in a covered wagon with their parents from Council Bluffs where they had been born, to Farmington, Utah, which was their home for many years. Mrs. Smith married the valiant bodyguard of President Young, Lott Smith, famous also for many fearless deeds.

Funeral services were held at an Oakland mortuary under the auspices of Bishop Jackson of San Leandro ward and the body was returned to Morgan, Utah. Of her seven children four remain, including Mrs. T. D. Phillips of San Leandro where he aged Mary Smith lived. She is survived by 34 grandchildren, 63 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren. One son, Lyle Smith, resides in Oakland and two daughters in San Leandro: Mrs. T. D. (Estella) Phillips and Mrs. Arzella Milton.

A Present Savior

(The following interesting and devotional verses are a variation of the commonly sung words to the famous, consoling hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour." Try humming them to the old, familiar tune.)

I have thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord,
That tender voice of Thine
Doth peace afford.

I have thee every hour,
Thou stayest near by;
Temptations lose their power
Since thou art nigh.

I have thee every hour,
In joy and pain
With me thou dost abide,
And life is gain.

I have thee every hour,
Teach me thy will;
All thy rich promises
Thou dost fulfill.

I have thee every hour,
Most Holy One,
And I am thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son.

—Annie S. Hawks, altered
by J. M.

Clothing For

Korean Orphans

We have been asked to give the mailing address to use on packages going to the Korean Orphans in response to the plea made thru the Messenger's columns a few months ago.

Sister Mavis Humphreys (Diamond ward) whose son Gene made the original plea now gives the following directions:

Address for packages: Childreh's Orphanage c/o MGCS-1 First Marine Air Wing. C/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

Repeat the same address on an envelope and glue the envelope on the face of the package. Within the envelope place a letter addressed "Commanding Officer," saying, "This package to go to Mrs. Wong c/o Korean Orphanage, Cheju-Do," sign your name. Affix usual postage to letter in addition to postage for the package.

Story Pres. Sessions

Fresno Stake Head

The Church News of March 12, 1952, contains an interesting life story of President Alwyn C. Sessions, an Idaho farm lad, who has become the research and technical supervisor in the great San Joaquin valley for the California Spray Chemical Corporation, and currently also president of the newly formed Fresno stake of the Church in the billion dollar crop

Thirty-two Oakland Ward Youth Winners



We are proud to present the picture of the 32 Oakland ward youths who received from their bishop, Paul Warnick, and their YLMIA president, Violet Christensen, individual awards on the 12-month basis, and enjoyed a banquet and the presentation of a book each.

Three of these girls achieved 100 per cent attendance, and one quorum award went to the deacons. Nineteen of the girls plan to achieve the girls' individual award on the 17-month basis, it was announced.

A delightful banquet for all these youths and their happy parents was enjoyed January 24, after which the 32 eligible young people were presented a book each, "Youth and the Church," written by Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve.

Glen C. Shaw of the stake presidency presented the books to the young men, while Flora Sears of the stake YLMIA board made the presentations to the young ladies.



CHARLES J. TAYLOR, CLU, general agent, Beneficial Life Ins. Co., receives the company's "Presidents' Cup" from George J. Cannon, executive vice president of the company.

The Oakland Agency under the direction of Charles J. Taylor C.L.U. General Agent was awarded permanent possession of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company's President Cup, by George J. Cannon Executive Vice-President of the Beneficial Life Insurance Company at an agency banquet held February 16th at the Leamington Hotel.

The President's Cup awarded once a year for outstanding agency achievement is the highest honor that a Beneficial Life agency can attain. Competition for the cup among the Company's twenty-two agencies is judged on the basis of production, training, and co-operation with the Home Office.

An agency obtains permanent possession of the Cup when they have won it three times. Nineteen hundred and fifty-one marks the third year's winning for the Oakland Agency, having won it previously in 1945 and 1950.

Sixteen agents comprise the agency which has its headquarters at 605 California Building, Oakland 12, California. Members of the agency are as follows: Charles E. Boatman, David W. Clayton, William V. Emery, Floyd J. Griffiths, Fraser W. Hewitt, Harold J. Hickenlooper, C. L. U. Joseph W. Hutchens, James C. Nacks, Lyman R. Parker, C. Blaine Perkins, Marion D. Redford, Horace J. Ritchie, Donald F. Sweet, Wayne W. Wanlass, and Don C. Wood C. L. U.

area of Central California.

Holding a doctor's degree in plant physiology from Rutgers University in New Jersey, he did work at the UAC, Logan, Utah, and at the Massachusetts Agricultural College. He has published many scientific papers, and is the holder of several patents in the field of pesticides. Many of his formulas are being used in the field of pest control.

Of a most sunny disposition as well as a devoted, religious mind, he has been active in Church work wherever located. He was married to Luella Daines in the Logan Temple in 1924. They have two children, one of whom is now attending UC in Berkeley.

Music of Roman Catholic Church; Music of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; Music of the Synagogues; Music of Protestant Tradition; Sacred Music at The University

The above quotations are from a dignified printed program of a most enjoyable "Evening of Sacred Music" at Wheeler Hall, on the University of California Campus, Sunday evening at eight o'clock, March 9. The sponsors of the evening were the Inter-Faith Council at the University of California and the Committee on Drama, Lectures and Music. Invocation was by an associate in speech at the university and the benediction by the president of the Associated Students. Serving as a member of the UC music committee appeared the name of Vincent Wood, a Cal. LDS student living in Claremont ward, son of Don C. and Annette Wood.

The Music of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was delightfully presented by the Mormon Male Chorus conducted by Robert Sant and accompanied by Donna Carter at the piano.

In the audience were some 30 or more Church members from various parts of the east bay who had been drawn by the advance notices of the pleasant evening to be offered. Everyone of them was supremely proud of the excellent personal presence of the Chorus, and of the two sacred numbers which they sang so masterfully and which drew long and hearty applause from the audience which filled every available seat.

Their numbers were "Almighty God of Our Fathers" and "Come, Come Ye Saints," arranged by W. King Driggs. Accompanying the name of the latter number on the printed program appeared the explanatory note, "Text written on the Great Plains in 1847 by William Clayton." Besides this Dean Mann gave a well-worded introduction to this old LDS favorite.

Indeed the members of the Church in the Bay Area have reason to be thankful for the Mormon Male Chorus and to appreciate to the full the leaders and all the excellent members of that talented and faithful group of Latter-day Saints who are singing the Gospel and the spirit of better understanding into the hearts of thousands every year.

BYU Concert Band On Arizona Tour Featured Numbers By Utah Composers

The Brigham Young Concert Band, directed by Norman J. Hunt made a week long tour of Southern Utah and Arizona points March 23-31. During the ten concerts the director presented the original band composition by seven of the best contemporary band music composers, three of these being LDS men: Leon Dallin's "Sierra," a tone poem; Dr. Clair Johnson's "Winter Scene" with its brilliant, sunny moods as well as dark colorings which mark him as one of America's outstanding composers, and Bruce K. Riddle's "Pumpkinickel" which features instrumentalists in the band. Mr. Riddle, a music major at BYU, also plays in the trombone section of the band.

Good News Of Harold R. Gaisford

The Curry Agency of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company announce that they have placed Hal Gaisford as Agency Supervisor in Oakland charged with the selection, training, and supervision of the agency's sales force in the east bay. It seems that the results have been outstanding. Hal has not only discharged these supervisory duties but has also placed in force more than \$500,000 of insurance within the first year of his connection with this large company. This has helped the Curry Agency to maintain its ranking for the sixth conse-

Easter Morning Sunrise Service M Men-Gleaners Oakland, Berkeley Stakes

All M Men and Gleaners and Junior M Men and Junior Gleaner ages are invited to attend the Oakland-Berkeley Easter sunrise services at temple site, Oakland. The starting time of 6:30 a.m. will allow ample time to return for other church duties.

Pres. Wright will be speaker. Drive along MacArthur Blvd., turning east on Coolidge avenue. The location is about 100 yards from the end of Coolidge avenue. Bring your own blanket to sit on.

BYU's Combined Choruses To Sing Two General Conference Sessions

The combined choruses of the Brigham Young University have been invited to sing April 4th at the General Conference of the Church, at both the morning and the afternoon gatherings that date. This group of the Church's university are an inspiring lot of the choice voices now at the Provo school under the able and devoted leadership of Messers Weight, Gulbrandsen, and Crawford Gates the latter of "Promised Valley" fame.

Reflection, Prayer, Three Times a Day

"If you follow faithfully the practice of devoting at least three minutes a day to REFLECTION AND PRAYER, you will be happily surprised at the progress you will have made in the space of a few short months towards clarity of mind and PEACE OF SOUL," writes the author of the little booklet of Christian meditations called "Three Minutes a Day."

Some years ago the editor of the Messenger decided to spend three minutes a day consistently in reading the Doctrine and Covenants and in copying in a small notebook the gems he found as he read. He has that book of gems now not only in the pages of the notebook but on the pages of his heart and mind because of rereading them so often. Nothing he has ever done has so helped him, he feels, in "the development of the INTERIOR LIFE upon which the perseverance of a happy EXTERIOR life depends."

INTERMOUNTAIN NEWS

● Almost 88 per cent of Utah's cannery goods are regularly consumed in 44 other states, while 3,760,000 cans of Utah fruits and vegetables were set aside in 1951 for the use of the military.

● The March 15, 1952 issue of the Saturday Evening Post carried a half page picture of the great Utah copper company's operation in Brigham canyon southwest of Salt Lake City. Here the Kennecott Copper is steam-shoveling a mountain and carrying its low-grade ore to the Garfield smelter near the shores of the Great Salt Lake. An idea of the vast size of this work comes to mind when we learn that the company pays \$6,000,000 property tax to Salt Lake County, besides a state tax of one and one fourth million.

● The Bonneville Salt Flats near Great Salt Lake resulted from the recession of the old Lake Bonneville which once was as large as Lake Michigan. The Flats are roughly 25 miles long and 50 miles wide. They are found to be especially adapted for such sports as automobile speed tests.

cutive year as the "NUMBER ONE" in production in all the offices of the Penn Mutual, outside the Home Office in Philadelphia.

● Membership in the National Relief Society of the Church increased by almost 6000 in 1951, bringing the total for the Church to 132,500. It all started with 18 members in Nauvoo in 1842.

Berkeley LDS Institute of Religion

The local chapter of Lambda Delta Sigma had as their guests at the local Institute 24 members of the Alpha Chapter of Lambda Delta Sigma of the University of Utah. Those making the trip were: Stann Gold, Paul Dixon, Reed Larson, Ron Crosby, Earl Benedict, Orson Bowler, Gordon Crawford, Lowell Christensen, Garr Cutler, Robert Hendricks, Ben Johnson, Robert Horne, Robert Horrocks, Larry Jensen, Read Howard, Ken Johnson, Roy Johnson, John H. Mangum, Dave Marler, Tom Miller, Bob Waite, Wesley J. Barlow, Jon Hansen and Dean Wilson.

The University group attended the services at the local Institute on Sunday, March 16 and the monthly Lambda Delta Sigma business meetings. They toured all around the Bay area and left Wednesday, March 19, for Los Angeles.

Dr. and Mrs. George R. Hill of Salt Lake City and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Hill, were visitors at the Institute.

We were delighted to welcome to the University as students this semester: Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Carlisle of Logan, Utah; Mr. and Mrs. Merle Fairchild of San Francisco; Eva Schleich and Donna McKnight of Oakland.

Bart Cardon and Blaine Anderson, alert Lambda Deltas, left us this semester to serve in the armed forces of the United States.

The following have pledged to Lambda Delta Sigma this semester: Mary Ellis, Marian Haight, Sharon Highum, Diana Malmstrom, Larry E. McGimsey, Carolyn Peterson, Clyde B. Russell, Eva Schleich, Marlene Williamson and Wes Williamson, Jerry Wiest, Lyle Trammel, Doug Stone, Betsy Warren, David J. Thomas, Joyce Thomas and Eunice Smith.

All Lambda Delta Sigma members enjoyed a ice skating party this past week.

Don and Glenn Farnsworth plan to attend conference at Salt Lake City April 4 to 6.

MORE BONERS

In February the Messenger ran a column of "Boners." We omitted the explanation that "Boners" are peculiar answers made by students upon written examination papers. Some people thus failed to get the true fun out of the "Boners," and felt we were becoming a bit crude! In our children such queer answers arouse in the adult memories of his own early odd notions, and are great good fun to contemplate. Here are a few more from the same book: The government of England is a limited mockery. The earth makes a resolution every 24 hours.

An octopus is a person that hopes for the best.

The letters M. D. mean mentally deficient.

Some instruments used in an orchestra are: viles, cellars, trumpets, horns, baboons, old boys and bubble bases.

Elders' Team Wins So. African Tourney

"Basketball has been the means of making many new friends and investigators for the Church in South Africa," says a letter to the Deseret News from that faraway land. Three Elders' teams were entered in the February 6-9 tournament in Capetown. The final and winning game ended 71-53 in favor of the "Mormon" team.

The Mission put on an excellent banquet for all the teams, (Mormon and non-Mormon), on the evening preceding the tournament. Great good fraternity prevailed.

Palo Alto Stake Storehouse Dedicated

The new Palo Alto Stake Bishop's Storehouse and Welfare Cannery, located in Redwood City, California, was dedicated March 8, 1952, by Elder Ezra Taft Benson, who was attending the stake conference at the time.

The facilities have the capacity of 1500 cans of produce a day. The building provides the Relief Society with a large work room and storage facilities. Already the Society is engaged in making 3000 pairs of corduroy trousers for their welfare assignment.

Literary Gem

By HENRY D. THOREAU.

MUSIC

What a fine communication from age to age, of the fairest and the noblest thoughts, the aspirations of ancient men, even such as were never communicated by speech, is music! It is the flower of language, thought colored and curved, fluent and flexible, its crystal fountain tinged with the sun's rays, and its purring ripples reflecting the grass and the clouds.

A strain of music reminds me of a passage of the Vedas, and I associate with it the idea of infinite remoteness, as well as of beauty and serenity. . . . It teaches us again and again to trust the finest as the divinist instinct and makes a dream appear as a real experience.